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SUBJECT: GROMYKO VISIT TO DENMARK OCTOBER 5-6

1. DURING MY MEETING SEPT 23 WITH PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY EIGIL JORGENSEN, I ASKED WHAT DANES EXPECTED OUT OF GROMYKO VISIT TO COPENHAGEN OCTOBER 5-6. JORGENSEN REPLIED THAT SOVIETS HAD INITIALLY WANTED TWO AGREEMENTS SIGNED DURING GROMYKO'S VISIT: (A) POLITICAL CONSULTATION; (B) CONSULAR AGREEMENT.

2. THE DAISH GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE A CONSULAR AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID THAT IF THIS WERE DONE, RUSSIANS WOULD ASK TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT CONSULATE IN GREENLAND. THIS, PLUS OTHER FACTORS, MADE DANES TURN DOWN SOVIET REQUEST FORCONSULAR AGREEMENT.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, DANES AND SOVIETS WILL SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATION AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND DANISH FOREIGN OFFICE ARE PRESENTLY WORKING OUT TEXT. JORGENSEN POINTED OUT THAT CANADA, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE SUCH AN AGREEMENT
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WITH THE SOVIETS AT THE PRESENT TIME. DANISH DRAFT

TEXT WILL CONFORM CLOSELY WITH THESE AGREEMENTS.
BELGIUM ALSO HAS SOME ARRANGEMENT, NOT AS FORMAL AS
THE OTHER THREE, FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE SOVIETS.
JORGENSEN CLAIMED THAT SINCE POLITICAL CONSULTATION
HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKING PLACE BETWEEN SOVIETS AND
DANES IN THE PAST, THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT ON THIS
SUBJECT MERELY FORMALIZES WHAT ALREADY EXISTS.
SOVIETS ALSO WANTED A FORMAL COMMUNIQUE SIGNED. DANES DID
NOT LIKE THIS IDEA, BUT AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION
HAVE AGREED TO A PRESS RELEASE WHICH IS NOT A FORMAL
DOCUMENT.

4. SOVIETS ASKED THAT PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN
HOST A DINNER FOR GROMUKO, AN EFFORT BY THE SOVIETS
TO UPGRADE THE VISIT. PRIME MINISTER HAS DECLINED,
BUT WILL MEET WITH GROMYKO AT THIS OFFICE.

5. EIGIL JORGENSEN SAID THAT AMONG THE SUBJECTS TO
BE DISCUSSED WITH GROMYKO WILL BE EAST/WEST
RELATIONS, MBFR, CSCE, UNGA AND, ABOVE ALL, THE
SITUATION IN THE BALTIC. JORGENSEN STRESSED THAT
THE DANES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET AIR AND NAVAL
ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC AND EMPHASIZED THAT THESE
INCIDENTS, WHICH HAVE MARRED SOVIET/DANISH RELATIONS
IN THE PAST, HAVE ALSO HAD AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON
DANISH PUBLIC OPINION. THIS WILL BE LINE PRIME
MINISTER PROBABLY WILL TAKE WITH GROMYKO.

6. JORGENSEN AGREED TO MEET WITH ME AGAIN AFTER
GROMYKO VISIT.
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